

# *Lowestoft and Yarmouth Rugby Football Club*



## **1<sup>st</sup> XV Match Report 14 November 2009**

Lowestoft & Yarmouth 15 Dagenham 0

In swirling gale force winds and driving rain L&Y moved up to 4th place in the league. They maintained their excellent home record with a well deserved and hard fought win. Dagenham belied their lowly league position with a defensive performance worthy of a top side. The L&Y pack totally dominated all aspects of set and loose play but once the ball left the forwards it became a lottery for handling in the atrocious conditions. It must be said that the L&Y side also defended very well as their opposition remained pointless for the 2nd week running.

From the start it was obvious that the home front row of Titterington, Nixon and Bristo were far too strong for their opposite numbers and with Coleman dominating the lineouts possession was rare for the visitors.

Titterington made the first foray into the Dagenham half when following a 30 yard driving run the ball went to Nelson who kicked ahead and a 5 yard scrum was awarded after the ball was carried over. A penalty resulted and it was narrowly missed by Bloxham. After 20 minutes of home domination L&Y were again rewarded with a penalty and this time Bloxham made no mistake.

L&Y's first try came late in the half when Coleman took clean lineout ball and following an impressive 35 yard driving maul his fellow 2nd row Wilkinson broke off and was stopped just short albeit illegally. From the penalty L&Y opted for a 5 yard scrum and skipper Thomas was on hand to touch down as they drove over. Bloxham putting over an excellent conversion. HT 10-0.

The 2nd half started much as the 1st with L&Y showing dominance in all aspects but Dagenham defending valiantly throughout. It was another fine Coleman lineout take that eventually led to the 2nd try as again the pack drove forward a rolling maul from some 35 yards out and were stopped just short of the line. 2 scrums were awarded in quick succession and from the 2nd Thomas was again on hand to touch down for the only score of the 2nd half.

Matthew Scott came off the replacements bench to make his L&Y debut and Howell and McElroy also had game time from the bench

The WineLodge man of the match was the L&Y front row.

Team: Titterington, Nixon, Bristo, Coleman, Wilkinson ( Howell ), Powles (McElroy ), Howe, Thomas, Bloxham, Nelson, Adams, McAlone, Boardley, Taylor-Crisp (Scott), Fewkes.

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